

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on House Administration: Ordered reported the following: H.R. 5159, amended, Capitol Visitor Center Act of 2008; and a privileged resolution dismissing the election contest relating to the office of the Representative from the 13th Congressional District of Florida (*Jenning v. Buchanan*).

GROWTH HORMONE'S HEALTH IMPACTS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on Myths and Facts about Human Growth Hormone, B-12, and Other Substances. Testimony was heard from Susan Shurin, M.D., Deputy Director, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT PAY FOR PERFORMANCE

Committee on Oversight and Investigations: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia held a hearing on Robbing Mary to Pay Peter and Paul: the Administration's Pay for Performance System. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: J. Russell George, Inspector General, Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury; and Richard Spires, Deputy Commissioner, Operational Support, IRS; Diego Ruiz, Executive Director, SEC; Ronald Sanders, Chief Human Capital Officer, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and public witnesses.

PUBLIC HOUSING ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 3521, Public Housing Asset Management Improvement Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in this report, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the

proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Finally, the rule tables H.Res. 955. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frank and Representatives Sires, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Meek of Florida and Capito.

TO EXTEND THE PROTECT AMERICA ACT OF 2007 FOR 21 DAYS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 7-4, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5349, which extends the Protect America Act of 2007 for 21 days. The rule provides for 60 minutes of debate, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule permits the Chair, during consideration of the bill, to postpone further consideration of it to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Conyers and Representative Lungren.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 13, 2008**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine improvements implemented and planned by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs for the care, management, and transition of wounded and ill service members, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled "Industrial Bank Holding Company Act of 2008", 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the President's budget request for fiscal

year 2009 for the Department of the Interior, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the President's budget request for fiscal year 2009 for foreign affairs, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 3:30 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)(P.L. 103-3), focusing on a fifteen year history of support for workers, 3 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the role of the Department of Defense in homeland security, focusing on how the military can and will contribute, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the state secrets privilege, focusing on protecting national security while preserving accountability, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for veterans programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the housing foreclosure aftermath, focusing on concerns for elderly homeowners, 10:30 a.m., SD-628.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on USDA Secretary Edward Schaefer, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, on DOD Budget Overview with Secretary Robert Gates, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn, and, on United States Marine Corps Readiness, 2 p.m., 140-Capitol.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Management Challenges—Inspector General and GAO, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on U.S. Forest Service, 10 a.m., B 308 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, overview hearing on Implications of Economic Trends for Workers, Families, and the Nation, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Architect of the Capitol, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request, 9:30 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Global Security Assessment, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Readiness at Risk: Department of Defense Security Clearance Processes, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Treasury Department Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on Modern Public School Facilities: Investing in the Future, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing and mark up of H.R. 3754, To authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects, and for other purposes, 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Status of the DTV Transition: 370 Days and Counting," 9:30 a.m., 21213 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "The Community Reinvestment Act: Thirty Years of Accomplishments, but Challenges Remain," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, February 13, hearing on International Relations Budget for Fiscal Year 2009, 2:30 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "The President's FY 2009 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law, hearing on Problems with ICE Interrogation, Detention and Removal Procedures, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2176, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; H.R. 4115, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; H.R. 1143, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 1311, Nevada Cancer Institute Expansion Act; H.R. 1922, Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2007; H.R. 816, Orchard Detention Basin Flood Control Act; and H.R. 3473, Bountiful City Land Consolidation Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1187, Gulf of Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification and Protection Act; H.R. 1907, Coastal and Estuarine Land Protection Act; H.R. 2342, National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation Act of 2007; H.R. 3352, Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments of 2007; H.R. 3891, To amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; and H.R. 4933, Captive Wildlife Safety Technical Amendments Act of 2008, 3 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to continue hearings on The Mitchell Report: The Illegal Use of Steroids in Major League Baseball, Day 2, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement, hearing on Surplus Property: Improving Donation and Sales Programs, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, hearing on NASA's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled "SBIR: Advancing Medical Breakthroughs," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, hearing on Reviewing the Recommendations of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Runway Safety. 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Review of Expiring Programs, 2 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on VA FY 2009 Budget—Office of the Inspector General and Office of Information and Technology, 2:30 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on the Administration's budget proposals for fiscal year 2009, OMB, 10 a.m., and on Administration's budget proposals fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 8:45 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, hearing on Counterintelligence Hot Spots, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine Finland's leadership of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), focusing on plans, priorities, and challenges that face the region, 11 a.m., B318, Rayburn Building.

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the efficacy of sovereign wealth funds, focusing on the U.S. economy and national security risks, 2 p.m., SD-106.